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CAMPUS CANOEING: Students in physical education class at Lake Michigan college find artificial lake on campus is excellent spot to learn canoeing. Peter Banta, physical education director who started class first time this year with fleet of 12 canoes, also is eyeing the 18-acre lake that wraps around the new college.

buildings for other water-related activities such as sailboating and ice skating. New physical education director is stressing physical recreation activities that students can pursue through most of their adult years. (Staff photo)

Government Toiling To Head Off Nationwide Rail Strike Tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration worked today to head off a midnight nationwide railroad strike, but there were signs the government was bracing to test whether the nation could stand a rail shutdown.

Labor Department officials reported very little progress toward settling the long dispute over eliminating locomotive firemen's jobs, and the government prepared to authorize emergency bus and truck service in the event of a rail strike. The strike has been called for

12:01 a.m. Thursday. President Nixon already has exhausted all strike-delaying provisions of federal labor law. "If it keeps on we may have to face with a nationwide railroad strike," said Assistant Secretary of Labor W. J. Usery, working on the nation's fourth national rail labor crisis this year.

Usery, in an interview, hinted that although the government must exert every effort to avoid it, a nationwide rail strike might not be as catastrophic as federal officials have said.

There have been only three nationwide rail strikes in nearly half a century, with either the White House or Congress stepping in to prevent others.

"This day and time we are now beginning to look upon it as this — years ago we did not

have airlines, we did not have trucking as we have it today. And if it keeps on we may have to face with a nationwide railroad strike even though everything should be done to prevent that . . ." Usery said.

Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman George M. Stafford announced his agency will issue emergency authority to truck and bus lines to haul passengers and freight if there is a rail strike.

Sources in the trucking industry indicated it could pick up a considerable amount of the slack in shipments if there were a rail strike because generally depressed economic conditions have idled many trucks.

The American Trucking Associations said trucks normally carry about 21 per cent of the nation's freight, compared with

some 41 per cent by rails and the rest by water carriers and pipelines.

Nixon has intervened three times this year under the Railways Labor Act to impose 60-day strike delays. His only recourse in the current dispute would be to ask Congress for a special law.

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Editorial Page

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Well Deserved Bouquet For St. Joseph's Banker

Bankers pursue a livelihood comparatively remote to much of the public and not even comprehended by most of it.

In truth, their calling is not the most beloved one.

Anyone turned down on a loan application is convinced the banker has a stone for a heart and eyes carved from glass.

People who fail to balance their stubs as they write a check are enraged by an overdraft notice.

Cong. Wright Patman, the professional friend of the small businessman, orates with the regularity of the Old Faithful geyser that bankers ride on the economy rather than help push it along.

Monday in Copenhagen a leftist student demonstration almost broke up a meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund as instruments of military aggression by the Free World countries.

So when a sizeable number of people meet to say some nice things to a banker, it is an event out of the ordinary.

Monday night some 300 men and women gathered at the Elks Lodge No. 541 to express the thought that John S. Stubblefield, president of The Peoples State Bank, is the sort of person a community needs.

Without attempting to repeat the account of this testimonial in our Tuesday edition, it is in order to re-emphasize some points made by the speakers and to add a few others.

We dare say, first, that many, possibly most of this column's

readers, have no personal recollection of the 1931-33 period.

The Twin Cities entered that dismal era with six banks, two in St. Joseph and four in Benton Harbor.

By the end of 1921, both St. Joseph banks were shut down, two had gone by the wayside in Benton Harbor and the other pair were barely hanging on.

From a hindsight vantage while it was plain that half a dozen banks were too much for the local marketplace, it was perfectly clear that the absence of any bank in a town the size of St. Joseph was unbearable.

Mr. Stubblefield came to town in that miasmic 1931 and in conjunction with a number of local leaders assembled the capital to create a new bank.

The Peoples State opened for business in January, 1932.

This broke the community's logjam in money and credit.

Regardless of how a person may look upon The Peoples State or any bank, he has to experience a 1931 to realize the void if no bank is available. Economically, the effect upon a town is comparable to the human body trying to function on less than a normal blood supply.

Though many consider Mr. Stubblefield's banking philosophy ultra conservative, restrictive even, we have never heard anyone express concern over the safety of his deposit in the bank and a number of local businesses survived the Depression only because he extended them credit when their balance sheets could not support a nickel loan.

Nor have many bankers elsewhere in the U.S. taken the lead which he has displayed in upgrading a central business district and bringing in new industrial development of the most desirable variety.

It can not be glossed over that he has irritated many in that pursuit because Mr. Stubblefield has to do things in his own way.

The point is, however, that these accomplishments have come about.

As one of our colleagues remarked the other day, "Others do a lot of talking. John gets things done."

Like any of us, he has not been correct 100 per cent of the time.

Neither did Babe Ruth get a hit every time he went to the plate.

But the Babe galvanized baseball when it was sliding badly in the '20s.

Mr. Stubblefield has given St. Joe a comparable lift.

Whoever follows on when he retires from the bank will have some mighty big shoes to fill.

A small English circus solves its biggest problem by running its elephants through the nearest car wash.

A faulty Litchfield, England, stamp machine gives money back to customers buying a stamp. The crazy mixed-up gadget must think its a slot machine.

Either that, or maybe the machine is just trying to imitate those error-prone computers we're always reading about.

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The Real Hostage!

GLANCING BACKWARDS

ADDITIONS PROPOSED

-1 Year Ago-

Lakeshore school district's enrollment explosion can be handled up to 1973 if proposals for additions to three elementary schools and the high school are approved by the district voters in November.

At an estimated cost of \$1,855,000 the proposals were presented at a special school board meeting when nearly 70 district residents met to hear the recommendations of the Lakeshore school's Citizen's Advisory committee.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

A former governor of California, Edmund G. (Pat) Brown has suggested that California be divided into two states, separating the liberal North from the conservative South. Seems they're already polls apart.

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Twin City
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REALTORS WILL TOUR INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT



SCHOOL BELLS RING FOR WORKERS: The Industrial Management Training Program (IMTP) committee hopes to greet hundreds of Twin City area workers for annual classes starting the week of Oct. 5. Last year 800 enrolled in courses that range from accounting and technical writing to various engineering classes. The committee chairmen, left to right: Ken Garner, IMTP manage-

ment courses; Mrs. Jeanne Dwan, executive seminar chairman; Ray Freridge, IMTP technical courses, and Anson Lovellette, general chairman. Persons interested in enrolling must be registered by their firms as enrollments are not accepted on an individual basis. Registration forms will be mailed to participating companies. IMTP is an affiliate of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chicagoans Invited For 'Guest Day'

Chamber Tells Plans To Spark Property Sales

Plans to spark land sales in Benton Harbor's 522-acre Pipestone Industrial district in Benton township will be activated tomorrow when some 30 industrial representatives of leading Chicago real estate firms and department of economic expansion will inspect the site. Announcement was made by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the "industrial realtors guest day." The Chamber has made development of the industrial district a major project.

Guest realtors will begin their day here with a tour of the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant near Bridgeman, Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., builders of the plant, will serve as host and provide a social hour and luncheon at the observation center at the plant site.

Real estate visitors also will be taken on a narrated bus tour that will include the St. Joseph industrial district, Colonial Heights area south of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, urban renewal areas and central business districts of the Twin Cities and Fairplain plaza in Benton township.

TWO-PHASE EFFORT

Chamber officials have put their sales efforts for the Pipestone project into two phases. The first is to encourage local industrial firms planning new facilities to stay in the area and, preferably, to build in the Pipestone project. This has been accomplished, so far, with Ferguson Welding Supply Co., which built its new plant in the industrial district; and with I & M, which plans to build a service building on a 39-acre site in the district.

The second phase, now in progress, is to draw plants from wide metropolitan areas, such as Chicago and Detroit. H.R. Neighbors, president of the Twin Cities Area Development Corp., a Chamber division and overseers of the Pipestone district, outlined the phases.

Visitors tomorrow will end their day with social activities, including a choice of golfing at Point O'Woods Country club, or sailing with William Smits and David F. Upton, Chamber director.

Dinner and a social hour will be held in the evening at Berrien Hills country club.

HOTELS FOR EVENT

Businessmen and firms hosting the tour are: John Banyon, Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.; Randall Burch, Burch Printers; Joe Carver; Jim Dane, I & M; Eitel Eberhardt, Inter-City Bank; Ned Gates, Ned Gates Chevrolet, Inc.; Dwight "Curly" Holland, Holland Construction Company; Norbert Kent, Canteen Co. of S.W. Michigan; Charles "Bud" Kerlikowske, Bud Kerley Sales, Inc.; Walter B. Laetz, Auto Specialties Mfg. Co.; Jerry E. McKinney, Glenwood Home Center; James Murphy, Inter-City Bank; R. H. Neighbors, Whirlpool Corporation; Howard Paxson, Paxson Advertising, Inc.; Joe Rusnick, Consoer, Townsend & Assoc.; Vernon Schmalz, Pearson Construction Co., Inc.; L. "Monty" Shepard, Berrien County Abstract & Title; William Smits, Herkner, Smits, Mistill & Johnson; Robert Starks, Kerlikowske, Starks Funeral Home; Herman Steegman, I. & M.; William Townsend, Consoer, Townsend & Assoc.; David F. Upton, Benton Harbor Abstract & Title Co.; and Richard Willard, Farmers & Merchants National Bank.



MAYOR GETS CAPPED: Republican State Rep. Ray Mittan presents Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith with a hat at Mittan's campaign headquarters, 236 Pipestone street. Headquarters is staffed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open Saturdays starting Oct. 10. In announcing opening, Mittan said: "Because I will be attending to matters affecting the voters of the 44th District, I will be unable to spend the time I feel necessary to talk individually with the voters of this district. The campaign headquarters will act as a central information center for voters in this district who may have questions or want campaign literature." From left are Mrs. Shirley Weiland, office manager; Mittan, who seeks reelection; Mayor Smith; Jeff Edmunds, Mittan finance chairman, and Dick Mittan, personnel chairman. Not pictured is campaign chairman Jim Flaherty. (Staff photo)

Send Flight Back To O'Hare, North Central Airlines Urged

POLITELY suggesting North Central Airlines consider first the passenger business it has already built up, John P. Banyon, chairman of Twin City Airport board asked the carrier to reconsider switching flight 846 back to Chicago's O'Hare airport.

The afternoon flight averaged around 22 passengers daily when it went to O'Hare. On Sept. 8 the flight was shifted to Midway and passenger totals skidded.

Banyon wrote Bernard Sweet, president of North Central Air-

lines, "The attached resolution was unanimously adopted by the Twin Cities Airport board at its regular meeting on Sept. 10 as a result of the many complaints received at Twin Cities airport caused by the change in routing of our flight No. 846 from O'Hare Airport to Midway airport in Chicago.

"The number of patrons now using flight No. 846 has dwindled considerably, demonstrating direct evidence that the Twin Cities area patrons of North Central Airlines have little or no interest in Midway airport as their destination.

"I notice that North Central has expanded considerably over the past two years. Just recently we have received word of the route you have inaugurated between Milwaukee and New York. This extension of service is very commendable, however, don't you think it would be even more so to take care of the business you have built up in communities such as Benton Harbor and St. Joseph over the past decade?

"I am sure that North Central can benefit measurably from this business through the patronage you will receive on some of the recently inaugurated regional routes. Flight No. 846 is very important to the Twin City area.

"Won't you please reconsider your position in this matter and reinstate flight No. 846 so that its destination will be Chicago's O'Hare airport?

"Our entire community is anxious to hear from you in this regard," the letter concluded.

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Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. The resolution passed by the airport board makes these points: "The Twin Cities Airport board and the citizens of the area have for the past 10 years given full support to and made extensive use of North Central airlines, passenger traffic has increased from 6,127 boardings in 1969 to an estimated 24,500 boardings this year, 80 prior to Sept. 8."

In Twin Cities

Traffic Signals Due To Operate

Two new traffic lights on major state highway routes will go into operation in the Twin Cities area soon.

A signal that has been blinking on amber for the past two weeks to prepare motorists will be put into full operation Friday at the intersection of Lake Shore drive and Hilltop road in St. Joseph.

Another traffic signal began a period of preparatory blinking yesterday at the M-139 and Empire avenue intersection in Benton township. It will be switched to full stop and go operation in about a week, according to Edwin Miller, district traffic engineer for the state highway department at Portage.

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6 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily, is intended to solve traffic jams when employees leave industrial plants on Hilltop. Southbound traffic is prohibited from making left turns onto Hilltop.

While the M-139 and Empire signal will blink a caution light for about a week to accustom drivers to its presence, a prohibition against left turns

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Cyclists Injured In Accident

TWO young motorcyclists were injured when their bikes were involved in an accident at Washington and Norman avenues, Lincoln township, last night, Berrien Deputy Thomas Exum reported.

They had been riding together but it was not learned how the accident occurred, since Exum was unable to talk to the two riders. Both were hospitalized and were listed in fair condition this morning at St. Joseph Memorial hospital.

Reinhart Friske, 15, of 1629 Timberlane drive, St. Joseph, was admitted with a fractured upper jaw and facial cuts, and Craig Wenzel, 14, of Hinckman road, Baroda, was admitted with a fractured thigh, concussion and cuts.

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Pedestrian Overpass Planned When M-139 Is Rebuilt In BH

The State Highway department has granted approval for a new northbound M-139 route is a pedestrian overpass to link two housing projects to a park when

Smith executive director of the Benton Harbor and Benton township housing commissions.

Smith said he received word from the department that the overpass will be built at the northeast corner of Sickle road across the new M-139. It will provide access to G. Earl Robbins park for children living in Benton Harbor's Buss avenue apartments and the township's Blossom Acres project.

The department does not intend to start right-of-way clearance for the route until 1972 and construction isn't expected until 1973, Smith said. The state plans to build a new northbound M-139 from Ox creek to Main street. It will go across the eastern edge of Buss avenue apartments and force demolition of a couple of buildings. Present Fair avenue

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Potlatch Plant Saved By Sprinkler System

What could have been a potentially destructive fire was snuffed out by the sprinkler system at Potlatch Forests, Inc., Hawthorne avenue just after midnight today.

The St. Joseph Fire department reported acetone vapors were ignited by a broken light bulb in the slit room located in the southwest corner of the plant, just after midnight today.

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BUILDING PROGRAM DEFEATED AT BUCHANAN



MARIJUANA BURNS: Allegan County Sheriff Robert Whitcomb stuffs marijuana into incinerator at Allegan County courthouse, where sheriff and deputies disposed of 300 pounds of marijuana confiscated in separate cases over the past few months. Standing behind Whitcomb are Deputy Steve Miller (left) and Deputy Don Morris. Whitcomb placed value of marijuana at between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Due to humidity and atmospheric conditions, smoke drifted from smokestack down to ground and into the courthouse through fans and air conditioners. Distinct aroma of burning marijuana brought complaints from those inside the building and close by. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

High School Proposal Loses Again

Computer Voting System Foul-Up Delays Returns

BUCHANAN — More than half of Buchanan school district voters turned out Tuesday to defeat a proposed \$6,975,000 building program. The vote was 1,357 'no' and 938 'yes.'

It was the second time this year that voters vetoed their board's plans to build a new high school, equip it, remodel the former high school into a middle school, and buy land for a future middle school.

1-2-4 MARGIN

In March the electorate turned the proposal down two votes to one. Then it had a price tag which was \$225,000 smaller. This time the cost of the program was greater to reflect the increased cost of labor and materials, officials said.

A total of 2,325 voters went to the polls, out of about 4,500 registered voters.

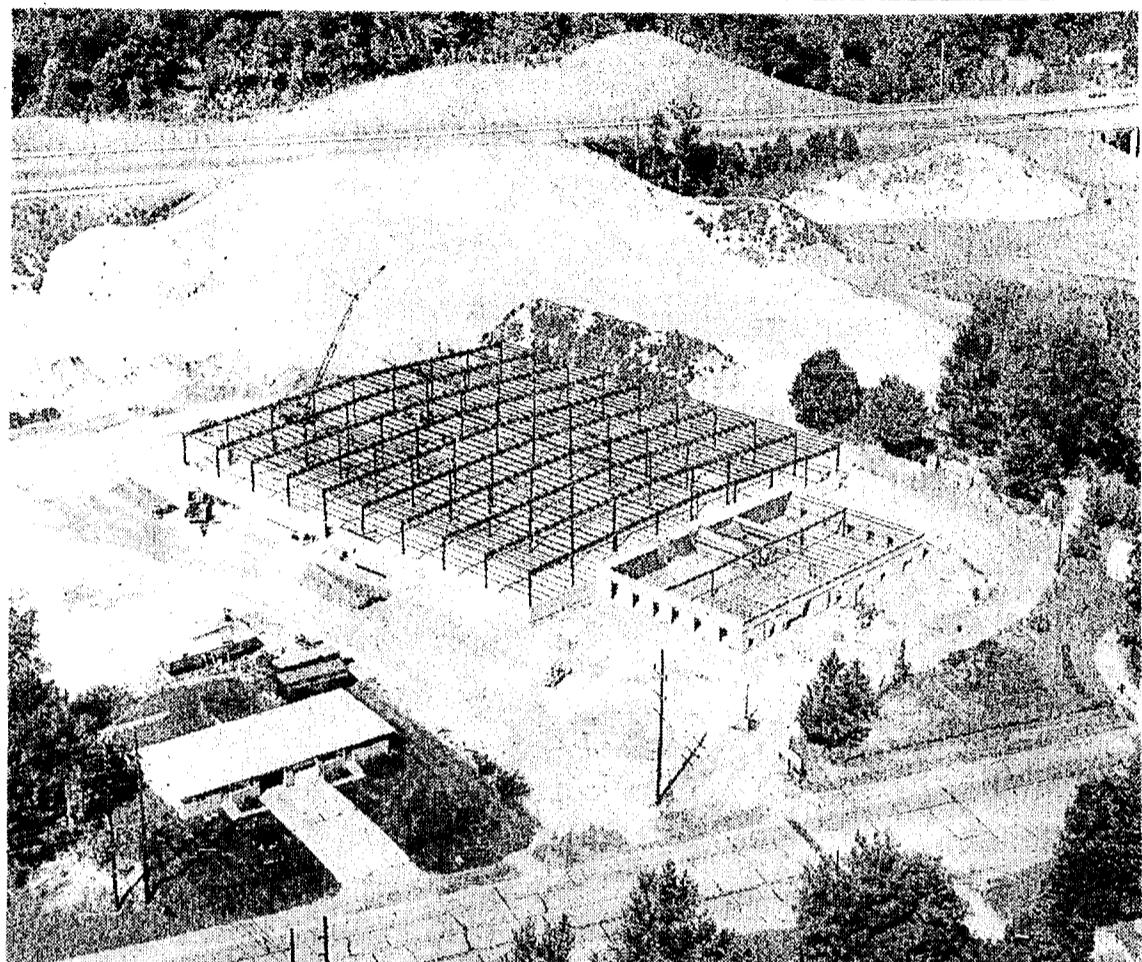
A malfunction of an electronic vote counting machine delayed tabulation of the results until after midnight. A mutilated card was blamed for the delay.

The tabulation was supervised by election inspection co-chairmen Mr. Betty Furner and Mrs. Ethel Forbes, City Clerk Raymond Stabedissen, and Norman Kreager, assistant superintendent of schools.

NO FUTURE PLANS

Bernard Ellis, school board president, said the board was "of course, disappointed." He said, "The board at present has no plans for the future."

By law the school district must wait six months before voting on another building construction bonding program.



NEW BRIDGMAN PLANT: Work progresses rapidly at the Weldun tool and engineering company's new 53,000-square foot plant in Bridgman. The building is located on a 10-acre site between I-94 and Red Arrow highway, just south of Lake street. Construction was begun in July and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Weldun company, a Three Oaks firm, intends to bring all

of its engineering services to the Bridgman plant, while the Three Oaks plant will continue as fabrication center for the assembly of tube expanding machinery. Weldun, which employs about 150 persons, is a leading supplier of special machinery to the air conditioning industry. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

Petitions Too Late

Dowagiac Recall Push Misses November Vote

DOWAGIAC — A petition drive seeking a recall election for the mayor and five members of the city council has apparently missed making the November ballot.

City clerk Albert First said, according to the state election law on local issues, the petitions had to be certified by him by Sept. 15 for placement on the November ballot.

In addition, he said he would have had to forward them to the county clerk for certification by Sept. 17.

BEGAN IN AUGUST

The clerk gave no indication that he had received a ruling from the city legal staff to consider the petitions, when received, as an extension of an effort which began in August.

Richard Planck, co-chairman of the Dowagiac committee for Good Government, had men-

Republican Coordinator Is Named



CLIFFORD STEVENS

Meeting Canceled In Memoriam

BLOOMINGDALE — To honor the memory of Harry Velez, 56, former Bloomingdale school board member whose funeral was Tuesday, the school board canceled its September meeting scheduled for Tuesday night.

Mr. Velez, 56, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Saturday at Will county fair grounds, Peotone, Ill.

The number of signatures required for the petitions are for Mayor James Burke, first ward councilmen Sam Fowlkes and James Giles, second ward councilman Bernard A. Petersen and third ward councilmen Jack R. Sears and Peter Terkos. The committee had also sought to recall the late Irving P. Russell, who served as councilman from the second ward. Russell died Sept. 12.

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COLOMA

Surprise! All State Funds Weren't Used

COLOMA — State coffers are \$11,015 richer today thanks to the Coloma Community school district.

The Coloma district has returned to the state the money it did not use for the state-financed summer migrant program held in Coloma this year.

The local district had been allocated \$72,543 for the program. An audit showed \$61,527.41 had been spent.

School Superintendent William Barrett commended persons in charge of the program for the operation.

BERRIEN SPRINGS

Businesses Presented Beautification Awards

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Fourteen Berrien Springs businesses and individuals were presented awards last night during a meeting at the Berrien Springs high school auditorium.

Berrien Springs Mayor Edgar Kesterke, Mrs. Richard Chauvin, secretary of the BCDB, and Dr. Horace Shaw, director of public relations for Andrews University presented the awards.

Receiving the awards were Continental Barber shop, Evans grocery, Green's locker plant, Brown's Coin-o-Matic laundry, Robert Steinn State Farm insurance, Michigan Book and Bible House, Schug drug store, Ravitch's R-R restaurant, Don Sprung Chevrolet, Blossomland flower shop, Benfield Star motel, Dr. Philip Hecht, Dr. Ralph Gustin and Myron Staver.

Awards were given for the recipients' efforts to modernize and beautify their establishments.

Workmen Back After Dispute

BRIDGMAN — All workmen were reported to be on the job as usual today after a series of work stoppages Tuesday disrupted construction at the Donald C. Cook nuclear generating plant at Bridgman.

Two trade locals were reportedly involved in the stoppages Tuesday, which saw picket lines drawn at least twice during the day, according to company officials.

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SJ Schools To Borrow \$250,000

The Michigan Municipal Finance commission has okayed the sale of \$250,000 in tax anticipation notes by St. Joseph school operating expenses.

St. Joseph Supl. Richard Ziehmer termed it one of the usual sales by his district to obtain operating revenue until local tax revenue collections start in December. He lamented the school's inability to collect taxes in July when its operating year begins, as cities do.

"If we could collect our taxes at the beginning of the (fiscal) year the way cities do it would save us \$20,000 a year in interest on borrowed money," he said.

Because local property tax revenues to the school arrive in December while state aid arrives in no fixed pattern, St. Joseph schools routinely must borrow — either by tax anticipation notes or on state aid — about five times a year to meet payroll, Ziehmer said.

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All Weekend Tri-CAP Training Sessions Planned



Pay Raised For Sodus Poll Workers

SODUS — Election workers in Sodus township will now receive \$20 per day for working on elections.

The Sodus township board last night voted to raise the pay for election workers from \$15 per day to \$20 per day.

Four board directors, Maurice

Bishop, Sue Bolt, Victor Greer and Paul Cohen will open the session Friday evening with a panel discussion, "Why We Serve on Tri-CAP."

Board directors meet monthly to draft anti-poverty proposals and seek federal funding. Advisory councils, one in each target county, are comprised of representatives of the poor, public agencies and private clubs and organizations.

Thief Gets \$380 At Honda Shop

A total of \$380 was stolen in a burglary of the Mills Honda shop, 395 East Main street, early yesterday, Benton Harbor police reported. Tom Doak, a clerk-mechanic, said the building was ransacked and a vending machine broken open.

More Power To You, Watervliet

Indiana & Michigan Electric company will start work this week to convert the electric distribution system in Watervliet from 4,000 volts to 12,000 volts operation, John B. Bayon, Benton Harbor division manager, announced today.

Conversion to the higher voltage will improve electric service in Watervliet he said, and at the same time substantially boost current carrying capacity to accommodate future electric load.

SHORT INTERRUPTIONS

To complete the conversion several electric service interruptions from 30 minutes to 1½ hours will be necessary, Bayon said. The changeover from 4,000 volts to 12,000 volts will be completed as fast as possible in order to keep inconvenience to customers to a minimum.

According to Bayon, the total conversion of the Watervliet area will take approximately two weeks, with the first phase south of St. Joseph street.

Meeting Set On Harvest Of Grapes

A meeting of grape growers in southwestern Michigan has been called for 8 p.m. Thursday at the Van Buren Farm Bureau building near Paw Paw for a discussion of the Concord harvest situation.

The meeting has been called by the grape marketing committee of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA), which has been urging MACMA members to delay harvest of the crop in an effort to force higher price offers. The marketing committee has recommended an asking price of \$155 per ton. Cash market offers made by various area processors generally are \$145 a ton.

Jerry Campbell, manager of the MACMA grape division, said both members and non-members are invited.

The grape marketing committee noted that grapes are cracking in some vineyards and agreed that these vineyards should be harvested immediately and not held in the effort to influence price.



MARINE MUSEUM LOOTED: Patrick Labadie, curator of the floating marine museum ship Keewatin on Lake Kalamazoo near Douglas, points to clock similar to one stolen since museum closed for season Saturday. The clock was taken from the dining room. State Police Trooper records description. The clock was among numerous items reported stolen in the break-in. None could be replaced according to museum officials. Also missing were an English barometer, sterling silver monogrammed bud vases, fire axes, picture, linens and the captain's hat was taken from the pilot house. Market value of the items was placed at about \$600. R. J. Peterson, museum director, has offered \$1,000 reward for arrest and conviction of persons responsible. (Prosch-Jensen photo)